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Per Capita Availability of Drinking Water
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the per capita availability of drinking water during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/ Union Territory-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the measures taken/being taken by the Union Government to enhance the availability and supply of drinking water?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) No Madam.As per information provided by States/UTs on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS),as on 27.07.2017, 76.84 % rural habitations have been Fully Covered[i.e. getting more than 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) safe drinking water], 18.84 % habitations are Partially Covered [i.e. getting less than 40 litre per capita per day(lpcd) safe drinking water] and remaining 4.32 % habitations are Quality Affected (i.e. containing at least one chemical contaminant). The corresponding figures were 73.92%, 19.83% and 6.25% respectively as on 01.04.2012. This shows that there is no decline in availability of per capita drinking water during last five years.
(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
(c) Rural drinking Water Supply is a State subject. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), this Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States for providing safe drinking water in rural areas. To enhance the availability of drinking water, the Ministry has suggested adopting water conservation measures like roof top rainwater harvesting, erecting sustainability structures for water conservation etc. Moreover Hydro Geomorphological Maps (HGM) is being used for accurately locating new drinking water sources in the field. In addition to this through Information , Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns at different levels Ministry focuses on the judicious usage of drinking water . In this way Government of India assists various State Governments for taking steps to cover rural habitations and households with adequate safe drinking water supply on a continuous basis.